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QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BBAK, WZ

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ZURICH TRUST FUND

GOS MINISTER OF FINANCE R.P. STEPHENS HAS ASKED CHARGE ON  
CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FOR INFORMATION ON ORGANIZATION CALLED THE  
ZURICH TRUST FUND. ACCORDING TO STEPHENS, GDS HAS BEEN APPROACHED  
BY A GROUP USING THIS NAME, WHICH CLAIMS TO REPRESENT A CONSORTIUM  
OF U.S. BANKS OPERATING IN EUROPE AND IS PREPARED TO OFFER

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FOUR PERCENT MONEY OVER THIRTY YEARS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN

SWAZILAND. REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GROUP HAVE INDICATED TO GOS OFFICIALS THAT THEIR ORGANIZATION IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. BEFORE UNDERTAKING SERIOUS NEGOTIATION WITH THIS GROUP, STEPHENS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FULLER INFORMATION ON BACKGROUND, FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND GENERAL REPUTATION OF THIS FIRM. POST WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE.

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